## **COMPREHENSIVE CERTIFICATION AND ASSURANCES**

## **ASSURANCES**

By accepting the grant award in eGrants, the grantee certifies and assures compliance with any and all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements, including, but not limited to, 2 CFR 200; Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Regulations; the Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS); and Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3 of the Texas Administrative Code, that govern the application, acceptance and use of Federal and State funds for this project. In instances where multiple requirements apply to a grantee, the more restrictive requirement applies. The following represents a selection of state and federal law from above mentioned sources that the grantee should be aware of:

- 1. <u>LEGAL AUTHORITY</u> It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant. A resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative, or their designee of the organization to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required. State agencies are not required to adopt a resolution.
- 2. <u>DISPLACED PERSONS</u> It will comply with requirements of the provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions (42 USC §§ 4601 4655) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a result of Federal and federally assisted programs.
- 3. POLITICAL ACTIVITY It will comply with provisions of Federal law which limit certain political activities of employees of State or local unit of government whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by Federal grants. (5 USC § 1501, et seq.)
- 4. <u>FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT</u> It will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC §§ 201 219) if applicable.
- 5. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u> It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties. It will comply with Texas Government Code, section 572, Employment of Former State Officer or Employee of State Agency.
- 6. **EXAMINATION OF RECORDS** It will give the sponsoring agency, the Office of the Governor, the State Auditor's Office, or the Comptroller General, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to audit, examine, and copy all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary. Grantee shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through grantee and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards related to this grant.
- 7. <u>RETENTION OF RECORDS</u> Grantee must maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of this grant's funds pursuant to 2 CFR 200.333, UGMS, and state law. Grantees must retain these records and any supporting documentation for a minimum of seven (7) years from the later of the completion of this project's public objective, submission of the final expenditure report, any litigation, dispute, or audit. Records related to real property and equipment acquired with grant funds shall be retained for seven (7) years after final disposition. CJD reserves the right to direct a grantee to retain documents for a longer period of time or transfer certain records to CJD custody when it is determined the records possess longer term retention value. Grantees must include the substance of this Section in all subcontracts.
- 8. REPORTING It will submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the Federal sponsoring agency or Office of the Governor and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.
- COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS It will comply with all requirements imposed by the Federal sponsoring agency, the Office of the Governor, or the Comptroller General, concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements.
- 10. <u>EPA VIOLATING FACILITIES</u> It will insure that the facilities under its ownership, lease or supervision, which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project, are not listed in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPAs) list of Violating Facilities, and that it will notify the Federal grantor agency of the receipt of any communication from the Director of the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be used in the project is under consideration for listing by the EPA.
- 11. FLOOD INSURANCE It will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act (50 USC § 4001), which states that, on or after March 2, 1975, communities must purchase flood insurance, where such insurance is available in those communities. This requirement is a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes for use in any area that had been identified by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards. The phrase "Federal financial assistance" includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any other form of direct or indirect Federal assistance.
- 12. <a href="HISTORIC PRESERVATION">HISTORIC PRESERVATION</a> It will assist the federal grantor agency in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC § 470), Executive Order 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. § 469a-1, et seq.), by (a) consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on the conduct of investigations, as necessary, to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that are subject to adverse effects (see 36 CFR Part 800.8) by the activity, and notifying the Federal grantor agency of the existence of any such properties, and by (b) complying with all requirements established by the Federal grantor agency to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.

- 13. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT It will assist the federal grantor agency in its compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, January 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852) as amended by P.L. 94-52, July 3, 1975, 89 Stat. 258, and P.L. 94-83, August 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 424), by (a) identifying if any of the following activities will be related to the use of grant funds: (1) new construction; (2) minor renovation or remodeling of a property either listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or located within a 100-year flood plain; (3) a renovation, lease or any proposed use of a building or facility that will either result in a change in its basic prior use or significantly change its size; and (4) implementation of a new program involving the use of chemicals other than chemicals that are purchased as an incidental component of a funded activity and traditionally used, for example, in office, household, recreational, or education environments; and (b) by complying with the following conditions relating to clandestine methamphetamine laboratory operations, including the identification, seizure, or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories: (1) provide medical screening of personnel assigned or to be assigned by the grantee to the seizure or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories; (2) provide Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) required initial and refresher training for law enforcement officials and all other personnel assigned to either the seizure or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories; (3) as determined by their specified duties, equip the personnel with OSHA required protective wear and other required safety equipment; (4) assign properly trained personnel to prepare a comprehensive contamination report on each seized/closed laboratory; (5) utilize qualified disposal personnel to remove all chemicals and associated glassware, equipment, and contaminated materials and wastes from the site(s) of each seized laboratory; (6) dispose of the chemicals, equipment, and contaminated materials and wastes at properly licensed disposal facilities or, when allowable, at properly licensed recycling facilities; (7) monitor the transport, disposal, and recycling components of subsections numbered (5) and (6), immediately above, in order to ensure proper compliance; (8) have in place and/or implement any required written agreements with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services regarding the safety of any minors located at the clandestine laboratory site, the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, and other entities deemed necessary by the State Administrative Agency.
- 14. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND GUIDES</u> It will comply, and assure the compliance of all its sub grantees and contractors, with the applicable provisions of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, the Violence Against Women Act, or the Victims of Crime Act, as appropriate; the provisions of the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide; and all other applicable Federal laws, orders, circulars, or regulations.
- 15. COMPLIANCE WITH CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS It will comply with the provisions of 2 CFR 200 and 28 CFR applicable to grants and cooperative agreements including Part 18, Administrative Review Procedure; Part 20, Criminal Justice Information Systems; Part 22, Confidentiality of Identifiable Research and Statistical Information; Part 23, Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies; Part 30, Intergovernmental Review of Department of Justice Programs and Activities; Part 42, Nondiscrimination/ Equal Employment Opportunity Policies and Procedures; Part 61, Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act; Part 63, Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection Procedures; and Federal laws or regulations applicable to Federal Assistance Programs.

## 16. **NONDISCRIMINATION** -

- A. It will comply with all State and Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination and ensure, in accordance with federal civil rights laws, that the grantee shall not retaliate against individuals for taking action or participating in action to secure rights protected by these laws.
- B. It will comply, and all its contractors will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements which may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 USC § 3789(d)); Victims of Crime Act (42 U.S.C. § 10604(e)); Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. § 5672(b)); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 7 94); the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-07); and 28 CFR 38 (Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations) and Ex. Order 13559 (fundamental principles and policymaking criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations).
- C. In the event a federal or state court or federal or state administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office of Justice Programs. Office for Civil Rights (OCR).
- D. It will provide an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) to OCR and to the Office of the Governor (OOG), if required to submit one; otherwise, it will provide a certification to the OCR and the OOG that it has a current EEOP on file, if required to maintain one. For public grantee agencies receiving less than \$25,000, or public grantee agencies with fewer than 50 employees, regardless of the amount of the award, no EEOP is required. Information about civil rights obligations of grantees can be found at <a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr</a>.
- 17. <u>LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY</u>- It will comply with Ex. Order 13166 (Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency) and resulting agency guidance which states that national origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, a recipient must take reasonable steps to ensure the LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs. Meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation, where necessary. In conducting its programs and activities, the recipient is encouraged to consider the language service needs of LEP persons whom it serves or encounters. Additional assistance and information regarding LEP obligations can be found at <a href="http://www.lep.gov">http://www.lep.gov</a>.
- 18. <u>COASTAL BARRIERS</u> It will comply with the provisions of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 USC § 3501, et seq.) which prohibits the expenditure of most new Federal funds within the units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.
- 19. <u>SUPPLANTING PROHIBITION</u> It will use funds to supplement existing funds for program activities and may not replace (supplant) non-Federal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. The applicant understands that potential supplanting will be the subject of monitoring and audit. Violations can result in a range of penalties, including suspension

- of future funds under this Program, suspension or debarment from Federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under this grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.
- 20. <u>TAXES</u> Grantee will comply with all State and Federal laws and are solely responsible for filing all required State and Federal tax forms. In addition, grantee agrees and acknowledges that during the existence of this contract, grantee shall be entirely responsible for the liability and payment of grantee's employees' taxes of whatever kind, arising out of the performances
- 21. **GRANT ADMINISTRATION** It will maintain an appropriate grant administration system to ensure that all terms, conditions and specifications of the grant, including these standard assurances, are met.
- 22. CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS It will comply with Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, which prohibits payments to a person who is in arrears on child support payments.
- 23. <u>SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE</u> It will comply with Section 261.101 of the Texas Family Code, which requires reporting of all suspected cases of child abuse to local law enforcement authorities and to the Texas Department of Child Protective and Regulatory Services. Grantees shall also ensure that all program personnel are properly trained and aware of this requirement.
- 24. **RELATIVES** It will comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 573, by ensuring that no officer, employee, or member of the applicant's governing body or of the applicant's contractor shall vote or confirm the employment of any person related within the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity to any member of the governing body, or to any other officer or employee authorized to employ or supervise such person. This prohibition shall not prohibit the employment of a person, who shall have been continuously employed for a period of two years, or such other period stipulated by local law, prior to the election or appointment of the officer, employee, or governing body member related to such person in the prohibited degree.
- 25. <u>OPEN MEETINGS</u> If the applicant is a governmental entity, it will comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, which requires all regular, special or called meeting of governmental bodies to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law or specifically excluded in the Texas Constitution.
- 26. **HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** If the applicant is a health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency, it will not contract with or issue a license, certificate or permit to the owner, operator or administrator of a facility if the license, permit or certificate has been revoked by another health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.
- 27. <u>LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY</u> If the applicant is a law enforcement agency regulated by Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1701, it will not expend any grant funds for this grant unless it is in compliance with all rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), or TCOLE certifies that it is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules.
- 28. <u>POLITICAL POLLING PROHIBITED</u> It will not subgrant to any entity or expend funds for political polling. This prohibition regarding political polling does not apply to a poll conducted by an academic institution as a part of the institution's academic mission that is not conducted for the benefit of a particular candidate or party.), or TCOLE certifies that it is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules.
- 29. <u>LIMITATIONS ON GRANTS TO UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u> Grant funds may not be expended by a unit of local government unless the following limitations and reporting requirements are satisfied:
  - A. Texas General Appropriations Act, Art. IX, Parts 2 and 3, except there is no requirement for increased salaries for local government employees;
  - B. Texas Government Code Sections 556.004, 556.005, and 556.006, which prohibits using any money or vehicle to support the candidacy of any person for office, influencing positively or negatively the payment, loan, or gift to a person or political organization for a political purpose, and using grant funds to influence the passage or defeat of legislation including not assisting with the funding of a lobbyist, or using grant funds to pay dues to an organization with a registered lobbyist:
  - C. Texas Government Code, Sections 2113.012 and 2113.101, which prohibits using grant funds to compensate any employee who uses alcoholic beverages on active duty and grantee may not use grant funds to purchase an alcoholic beverage and may not pay or reimburse any travel expense for an alcoholic beverage;
  - D. Texas General Appropriations Act, Art. IX, Section 6.13, which requires grantee to make every effort to attain key performance target levels associated with this Grant, including performance milestones, milestone time frames, and related performance reporting requirements; and
  - E. General Appropriations Act, Art. IX, Sections 7.01 and 7.02, and Texas Government Code § 2102.0091,
- 30. TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT; CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION Grantee acknowledges that the State, OOG, and this grant are subject to the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552, (the "PIA"). Grantee acknowledges that the OOG will comply with the PIA, as interpreted by judicial opinions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. The grantee acknowledges that information created or exchanged in connection with this grant is subject to the PIA, and grantee agrees that information not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the PIA, will be available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the OOG or State. The grantee will cooperate with OOG in the production of documents or information responsive to a request for information. Information provided by or on behalf of grantee under, pursuant to, or in connection with this grant that the grantee considers proprietary, financial, or trade secret information (collectively "Confidential Information") shall be designated as such when it is provided to OOG or State or any other entity in accordance with this grant. OOG agrees to notify grantee in writing within a reasonable time from receipt of a request for information covering grantee's Confidential Information. OOG will make a determination whether to submit a Public Information Act request to the Attorney General. The grantee agrees to maintain the confidentiality of information received from the OOG or State during the performance of this grant, including information which discloses confidential personal information particularly, but not limited to, personally identifying information, personal financial information and social security numbers. Grantee will notify OOG within twentyfour (24) hours of receipt of any third party requests for information that was provided to the grantee by the OOG or the State.

- 31. GOVERNING LAW; VENUE —This Contract is made and entered into in the State of Texas. This Contract and all disputes arising out of or relating thereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to any otherwise applicable conflict of law rules or requirements. Except where state law establishes mandatory venue, grantee agrees that any action, suit, litigation or other proceeding (collectively "litigation") arising out of or in any way relating to this Contract shall be commenced exclusively in the Travis County District Court or the United States District Court in the Western District, Austin Division, and to the extent allowed by law, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts for the purpose of prosecuting and/or defending such litigation. Grantee hereby waives and agrees not to assert by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that grantee is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts; the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum; and/or the venue is improper.
- 32. NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY It agrees that no provision of this grant is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by the OOG, its officers, employees, agents, or contractors or the State of Texas of any immunities from suit or from liability that the OOG or the State of Texas may have by operation of law.
- 33. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS It agrees that it is an independent contractor and under no circumstances shall any owner, incorporator, officer, director, employee, or volunteer of grantee be considered a state employee, agent, servant, joint venturer, joint enterpriser or partner of the OOG or the State of Texas. Grantee is not a "governmental body" by virtue of receipt of grant funds under this Contract. All persons furnished, used, retained, or hired by or on behalf of grantee or any of grantee's contractors shall be considered to be solely the employees or agents of grantee or grantee's contractors. Grantee or grantee's contractors shall be responsible for ensuring that any and all appropriate payments are made, such as unemployment, workers compensation, social security, and other payroll taxes for such persons, including any related assessments or contributions required by law. Grantee agrees to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that each contractor of grantee will be deemed to be an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent, servant, joint venturer, joint enterpriser or partner of the OOG or the State of Texas. Grantee is responsible for all types of claims whatsoever due to actions or performance under this Contract, including, but not limited to, the use of automobiles or other transportation, taken by its owners, incorporators, officers, directors, employees, volunteers or any third parties.
- 34. COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSING, PERMITTING AND REGULATORY BODIES Grantee certifies that it has obtained all licenses, certifications, permits and authorizations necessary to perform its obligations under this Contract, without costs to the OOG. Grantee shall comply with any applicable federal, state, county, local and municipal laws, ordinances, resolutions, codes, decisions, orders, rules, and regulations, in connection with its obligations under this Contract. Grantee certifies that it currently is in good standing with all licensing, permitting or regulatory bodies that regulate any or all aspects of grantee's business or operations. Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable licenses, legal certifications, inspections, and any other applicable local ordinance or state or federal laws.
- CHAPTER 2260 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE Grantee agrees the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code shall be used, as further described herein, by the Parties to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of this Contract made by grantee. Grantee's claims for breach of this Contract that the Parties cannot resolve in the ordinary course of business shall be submitted to the negotiation process provided in Chapter 2260, Subchapter B, of the Government Code. To initiate the process, grantee shall submit written notice to the OOG's contact. Said notice shall specifically state that the provisions of Chapter 2260, Subchapter B, are being invoked. Compliance by grantee with Subchapter B is a condition precedent to the filing of a contested case proceeding under Chapter 2260, Subchapter C, of the Government Code. The contested case process provided in Chapter 2260, Subchapter C, of the Texas Government Code is grantee's sole and exclusive process for seeking a remedy for any and all alleged breaches of this Contract by the OOG if the Parties are unable to otherwise informally resolve their disputes. Compliance with the contested case process provided in Chapter 2260, Subchapter C, of the Texas Government Code is a condition precedent to seeking consent to sue from the Legislature under Chapter 107 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code. Neither the execution of this Contract by OOG nor any other conduct of any representative of OOG relating to this Contract shall be considered a waiver of sovereign immunity. The submission, processing, and resolution of grantee's claim is governed by the OOG's published rules, if any. If no OOG rules have been published, then Title 1, Chapter 155 of the Texas Administrative Code, shall govern.
- 36. **FUNDING LIMITATION** Grantee agrees that nothing in this grant will be interpreted to create an obligation or liability of the OOG in excess of the funds delineated in this grant. Grantee agrees that funding for this grant is subject to the actual receipt by the OOG of grant funds appropriated to the OOG. Grantee agrees that the grant funds, if any, received from the OOG may be limited by the term of each state biennium and by specific appropriation authority to and the spending authority of the OOG for the purpose of this grant. Grantee agrees that notwithstanding any other provision of this grant, if the OOG is not appropriated the funds or if the OOG does not receive the appropriated funds for this grant program, or if the funds appropriated to the OOG for this grant program are required to be reallocated to fund other federal or state programs or purposes, the OOG is not liable to pay the grantee any remaining balance on this grant.
- 37. INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS GRANTEE AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE OOG, THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING ANY LITIGATION COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND EXPENSES, THAT ARISE FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, RELATING TO THIS GRANT CONTRACT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ACT OR OMISSION IS RELATED A PERFORMANCE MEASURE OR STATED PURPOSE OF THIS CONTRACT OR FROM ANY CLAIM RELATING TO TAX LIABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION WITH REGARD TO GRANTEE. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY GRANTEE WITH OOG AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN THE OOG, THE STATE OF TEXAS OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS AND/OR DESIGNEES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND SUBRECPIENT MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE

- FROM OOG AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. GRANTEE AND THE OOG AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIMS.
- 38. <u>E VERIFY</u> If applicable, it will comply with Executive Order RP-8 regarding the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- 1. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE** The applicant certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:
  - A. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
  - B. Establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
    - i. the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
    - ii. the applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
    - iii. any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    - iv. the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
  - C. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a).
  - D. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:
    - i. abide by the terms of the statement, and
    - ii. notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace not later than five days after such conviction.
  - E. Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (ii) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.
  - F. Taking one of the following actions with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
    - i. taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination; or
    - ii. requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
  - G. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through the implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).
- 2. **LOBBYING** The applicant certifies that:
  - A. It will not use grant funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior approval of the Criminal Justice Division.
  - B. If any non-grant funds have been or will be used in support of the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, it will notify the Criminal Justice Division to obtain the appropriate disclosure form.
  - C. It will comply with 31 USC § 1352, as applicable, which provides that none of the funds provided under an award may be expended by the grantee to pay any person to influence, or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer of employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any Federal action concerning the award or renewal,
  - D. It will include the language of paragraphs A., B. and C. of this section in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers and will require all sub-recipients to certify accordingly.